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ABSTRACT

In this report, a method for multiplying two elements from the Galois field $GF(2^m)$ is presented. This method provides a tradeoff between speed and complexity.

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1. Multiplication over Subfields

In this note, we present a method for multiplying two elements from a Galois field over a subfield. Consider the Galois field $GF(2^{ms})$. This field contains the field $GF(2^s)$ as a subfield and may be regarded as an extension field of $GF(2^s)$. Let α be a primitive element in $GF(2^{ms})$. Then the set, $(1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{m-1})$, forms a basis for $GF(2^{ms})$ over the subfield $GF(2^s)$. Any element z in $GF(2^{ms})$ can be expressed as a linear sum of $\alpha^0 = 1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{m-1}$ over $GF(2^s)$ as follows:

$$z = z_0\alpha^0 + z_1\alpha + z_2\alpha^2 + \dots + z_{m-1}\alpha^{m-1} \quad (1)$$

where $z_i \in GF(2^s)$ for $0 \leq i < m$. There is a one-to-one correspondence between z and the m -tuple $(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1})$ over $GF(2^s)$ with respect to the basis $(1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{m-1})$. The basis, $(1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{m-1})$, is called the *polynomial basis*.

The *trace* of an element z in $GF(2^{ms})$ with respect to $GF(2^s)$ is defined as

$$T_m(z) \triangleq z + z^{2^s} + z^{2^{2s}} + \dots + z^{2^{(m-1)s}} \quad (2)$$

which is an element in $GF(2^s)$ [p. 111, 1]. The trace has the following properties:

1. For any $a \in GF(2^s)$ and $z \in GF(2^{ms})$,

$$T_m(az) = a T_m(z);$$

2. For any two elements y and z in $GF(2^{ms})$,

$$T_m(y+z) = T_m(y) + T_m(z).$$

With respect to the polynomial basis $(1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{m-1})$, there exists another basis $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{m-1})$ for $GF(2^{ms})$ over $GF(2^s)$ such that

$$T_m(\alpha^i \beta_j) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } i \neq j \\ 1, & \text{for } i=j \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

with $0 \leq i, j < m$. The basis $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{m-1})$ is called the dual (or complementary) basis to $(1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{m-1})$ over $GF(2^s)$. Any element z in $GF(2^{ms})$ can be expressed in either of the following two forms:

1. polynomial form

$$z = a_0 + a_1\alpha + a_2\alpha^2 + \dots + a_{m-1}\alpha^{m-1},$$

2. dual form

$$z = b_0\beta_0 + b_1\beta_1 + b_2\beta_2 + \dots + b_{m-1}\beta_{m-1},$$

where a_i and b_i are elements in $GF(2^s)$ for $0 \leq i < m$. These two forms can be converted to each other as follows:

$$1. a_i = T_m(z\beta_i), \text{ and}$$

$$2. b_i = T_m(z\alpha^i),$$

for $0 \leq i < m$.

Now we consider multiplying two elements from $GF(2^{ms})$. If one element is expressed in polynomial form and the other element is expressed in the dual form, then the multiplication can be achieved in a serial-parallel manner over the subfield $GF(2^s)$. This would give a trade-off between the complexity and speed in the implementation of a multiplier. Let x and y be two arbitrary elements in $GF(2^{ms})$. Express x and y in terms of the polynomial basis $(1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{m-1})$ and its dual basis $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{m-1})$ respectively.

$$x = x_0 + x_1\alpha + x_2\alpha^2 + \dots + x_{m-1}\alpha^{m-1}, \quad (4)$$

$$y = y_0\beta_0 + y_1\beta_1 + y_2\beta_2 + \dots + y_{m-1}\beta_{m-1} \quad (5)$$

where x_i and y_i are in $GF(2^s)$ for $0 \leq i < m$. Consider the product $z = xy$ and express z in dual form,

$$z = xy$$

$$= z_0\beta_0 + z_1\beta_1 + \dots + z_{m-1}\beta_{m-1} \quad (6)$$

where

$$z_i = T_m(z\alpha^i) \quad (7)$$

for $0 \leq i < m$.

Next we show how the coefficients of z can be obtained from the coefficients of x and y in a serial manner. It follows from (5) to (7) that

$$\begin{aligned} z_i &= T_m(xy\alpha^i) \\ &= T_m \left(\sum_{\ell=0}^{m-1} y_\ell x \beta_\ell \alpha^i \right) \\ &= y_0 T_m(x\beta_0 \alpha^i) + y_1 T_m(x\beta_1 \alpha^i) + \dots + y_{m-1} T_m(x\beta_{m-1} \alpha^i) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Setting $i=0$ in (8), we obtain

$$z_0 = y_0 T_m(x\beta_0) + y_1 T_m(x\beta_1) + \dots + y_{m-1} T_m(x\beta_{m-1}) \quad (9)$$

Since $T_m(x\beta_i) = x_i$ for $0 \leq i < m$, it follows from (9) that

$$z_0 = x_0 y_0 + x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_{m-1} y_{m-1}. \quad (10)$$

In order to obtain the other $m-1$ coefficients of z , we define

$$y^{(i)} = y\alpha^i, \quad (11)$$

$$y^{(i+1)} = y^{(i)}\alpha. \quad (12)$$

Note that $y^{(0)} = y$. We express both $y^{(i)}$ and $y^{(i+1)}$ in dual forms:

$$y^{(i)} = y_0^{(i)} \beta_0 + y_1^{(i)} \beta_1 + \dots + y_{m-1}^{(i)} \beta_{m-1}, \quad (13)$$

$$y^{(i+1)} = y_0^{(i+1)} \beta_0 + y_1^{(i+1)} \beta_1 + \dots + y_{m-1}^{(i+1)} \beta_{m-1}. \quad (14)$$

where

$$y_j^{(i)} = T_m(y^{(i)}\alpha^j), \quad (15)$$

$$y_j^{(i+1)} = T_m(y^{(i+1)}\alpha^j) \quad (16)$$

It follows from (12) that, for $0 \leq j < m$,

$$\begin{aligned} y_j^{(i+1)} &= T_m(y^{(i+1)}\alpha^j) \\ &= T_m(y^{(i)}\alpha^{j+1}) = y_{j+1}^{(i)} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Expression (17) gives a relationship between the coefficients of $y^{(i+1)}$ and those of $y^{(i)}$. From (14) and (17), we obtain

$$y^{(i+1)} = y_1^{(i)}\beta_0 + y_2^{(i)}\beta_1 + \dots + y_{m-1}^{(i)}\beta_{m-2} + y_m^{(i)}\beta_{m-1} . \quad (18)$$

where

$$y_m^{(i)} = T_m \left[y^{(i)} \alpha^m \right] . \quad (19)$$

The coefficient $y_m^{(i)}$ can be determined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} y_m^{(i)} &= T_m \left[y^{(i)} \alpha^m \right] = T_m \left[\alpha^m \sum_{\ell=0}^{m-1} y_\ell^{(i)} \beta_\ell \right] \\ &= y_0^{(i)} T_m \left[\beta_0 \alpha^m \right] + y_1^{(i)} T_m \left[\beta_1 \alpha^m \right] + \dots + y_{m-1}^{(i)} T_m \left[\beta_{m-1} \alpha^m \right] . \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

From (18) and (20), we see that the coefficients of $y^{(i+1)}$ are completely determined by the coefficients of $y^{(i)}$.

Now we return to the coefficients of z . It follows from (7) that, for $0 \leq i < m-1$,

$$\begin{aligned} z_{i+1} &= T_m \left[z \alpha^{i+1} \right] \\ &= T_m \left[x y \alpha^{i+1} \right] = T_m \left[x y^{(i)} \alpha \right] \\ &= T_m \left[\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} x_j y^{(i)} \alpha^{j+1} \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} x_j T_m \left[y^{(i)} \alpha^{j+1} \right] . \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Combining (15) and (21), we have

$$z_{i+1} = x_0 y_1^{(i)} + x_1 y_2^{(i)} + \dots + x_{m-2} y_{m-1}^{(i)} + x_{m-1} y_m^{(i)} . \quad (22)$$

Putting (10), (17) to (22) altogether, we see that the coefficients, z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1} of the product $z = xy$ in dual form can be generated from the coefficients of x and y in a serial manner with m steps,

$$\begin{aligned}
z_0 &= x_0 y_0^{(0)} + x_1 y_1^{(0)} + \dots + x_{m-2} y_{m-2}^{(0)} + x_{m-1} y_{m-1}^{(0)} \\
z_1 &= x_0 y_1^{(0)} + x_1 y_2^{(0)} + \dots + x_{m-2} y_{m-1}^{(0)} + x_{m-1} y_m^{(0)} \\
z_2 &= x_0 y_1^{(1)} + x_1 y_2^{(1)} + \dots + x_{m-2} y_{m-1}^{(1)} + x_{m-1} y_m^{(1)} \\
&\vdots \\
z_{m-1} &= x_0 y_1^{(m-2)} + x_1 y_2^{(m-2)} + \dots + x_{m-2} y_{m-1}^{(m-2)} + x_{m-1} y_m^{(m-2)}
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

where

$$(1) y_i^{(0)} = y_i \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i < m, \tag{24}$$

$$(2) y_j^{(i+1)} = y_{j+1}^{(i)} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i < m-1 \text{ and } 1 \leq j < m, \tag{25}$$

$$(3) y_m^{(i)} = y_0^{(i)} T_m(\beta_0 \alpha^m) + y_1^{(i)} T_m(\beta_1 \alpha^m) + \dots + y_{m-1}^{(i)} T_m(\beta_{m-1} \alpha^m). \tag{26}$$

2. Serial-Parallel Multiplier

From the expressions of (23) to (26), we see that, if we multiply two elements x and y from $GF(2^{ms})$ in mixed forms, the coefficients of the product z in dual form over $GF(2^s)$ can be determined from the coefficients of x (in polynomial form) and y (in dual form) in a serial manner with m steps. At the i -th step, the coefficient

$$z_i = x_0 y_1^{(i-1)} + x_1 y_2^{(i-1)} + \dots + x_{m-1} y_m^{(i-1)}$$

is formed. To form z_i , m multiplications over $GF(2^s)$ are required. These m multiplications can be carried out in a parallel (or direct) manner using either m $GF(2^s)$ array multipliers or m look-up tables. The coefficients $y_1^{(i-1)}$, $y_2^{(i-1)}$, \dots , $y_{m-1}^{(i-1)}$ must be formed separately. From (26), we have

$$y_m^{(i-1)} = y_0^{(i-1)} T_m(\beta_0 \alpha^m) + y_1^{(i-1)} T_m(\beta_1 \alpha^m) + \dots + y_{m-1}^{(i-1)} T_m(\beta_{m-1} \alpha^m) \tag{27}$$

To form $y_m^{(i-1)}$, m multiplications over $GF(2^s)$ are needed. Each of these multiplications involves a fixed element, $T_m(\beta_i \alpha^m)$, from $GF(2^s)$. As a result, the implementation is simpler. A general serial-parallel multiplier which

realizes the multiplication algorithm presented in a previous section is shown in Figure 1. It consists of two parts, the top part forms the coefficients, z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1} of the product z , which is called the z_i -circuit. The lower part of Figure 1 forms the coefficients, $y_m^{(0)}, y_m^{(1)}, \dots, y_m^{(m-1)}$, which is called the $y_m^{(i)}$ -circuit. The multiplication is completed in m steps (or in m clock times). The z_i -circuit requires m $GF(2^s)$ -multipliers, each multiplying two arbitrary elements from $GF(2^s)$. The $y_m^{(i)}$ -circuit requires m $GF(2^s)$ -multipliers, each multiplying a fixed element and an arbitrary element from $GF(2^s)$. The overall multiplier also needs two ms -input s -output adders.

Suppose we implement the serial-parallel multiplier of Figure 1 by using $GF(2^s)$ array multipliers. Each $GF(2^s)$ array multiplier with two arbitrary inputs requires s^2 AND gates to form the partial products, $(s-1)^2$ two-input X-OR gates to add the partial products and then approximately $(s-1)(\ell-1)$ two-input X-OR gates to reduce the sum to a s -bit symbol in $GF(2^s)$. A $GF(2^4)$ array multiplier with generating polynomial $X^4 + X + 1$ is shown in Figure 2. A $GF(2^s)$ array multiplier with one fixed input requires no AND gates and less than $(s-1)^2 + (s-1)(\ell-1)$ two-input X-OR gates. Now consider the implementation of the serial-parallel multiplier using look-up tables (ROMs). For multiplying two arbitrary elements from $GF(2^s)$, a single look-up table requires a ROM of 2^s inputs, s outputs and 2^{2s} s -bit words. For multiplying an arbitrary element with a fixed element, the look-up table requires a ROM of s inputs, s outputs and 2^s s -bit words.

The multiplication of two elements from $GF(2^{ms})$ can be achieved by using a single Berlekamp's bit-serial multiplier [2]. This implementation is extremely simple, however it takes ms clock times to complete the multiplication, which is s times longer than the serial-parallel multiplier over $GF(2^s)$ of Figure 1. If speed is critical, we may multiply two elements from $GF(2^{ms})$ directly by using a

single $GF(2^{ms})$ array multiplier or a single look-up table. A single $GF(2^{ms})$ array multiplier would require $(ms)^2$ AND gates and approximately $(ms-1)^2 + (ms-1)(L-1)$ two-input X-OR gates where L is the number of terms in the generating polynomial for $GF(2^{ms})$. For the serial-parallel multiplier using $GF(2^s)$ array multipliers, a total of $m \cdot s^2$ AND gates and no more than $2m[(s-1)^2 + (s-1)(l-1)]$ two-input X-OR gates are needed. For large m ($m \geq 3$), a single $GF(2^{ms})$ array multiplier requires much more AND and X-OR gates than the serial-parallel multiplier over $GF(2^s)$.

A single look-up table for direct multiplication of two arbitrary elements from $GF(2^{ms})$ requires a ROM of 2^{ms} inputs, ms outputs and 2^{2ms} ms -bit words. However, for the serial-parallel multiplier of Figure 1, it requires a total memory of $m(2^{2s} + 2^s)$ s -bit words which is much smaller than 2^{2ms} for $m \geq 2$.

In summary, the serial-parallel multiplication over a subfield presented in this note provides a trade-off between speed and complexity.

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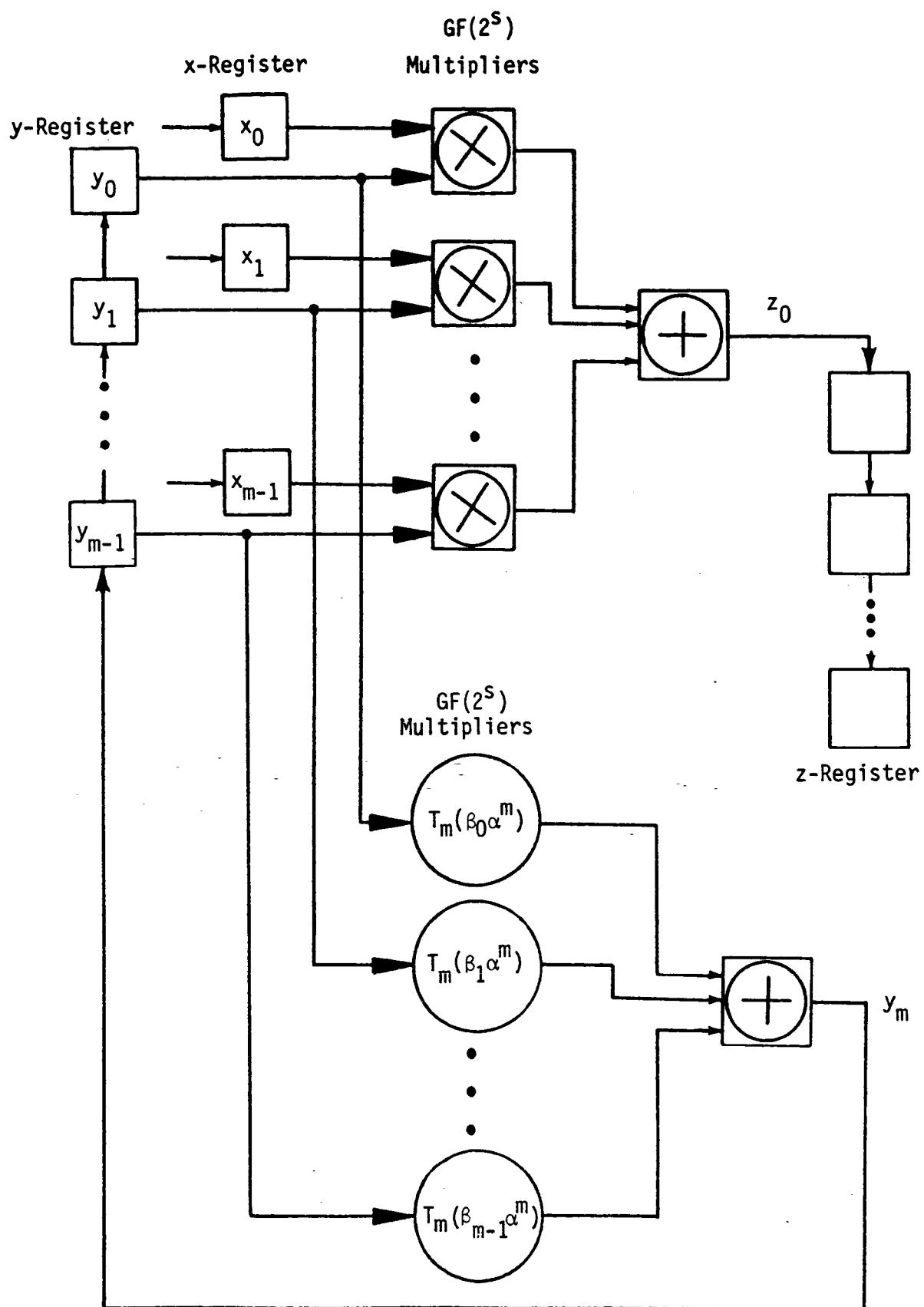


Figure 1 A $GF(2^m)$ serial-parallel multiplier over $GF(2^s)$

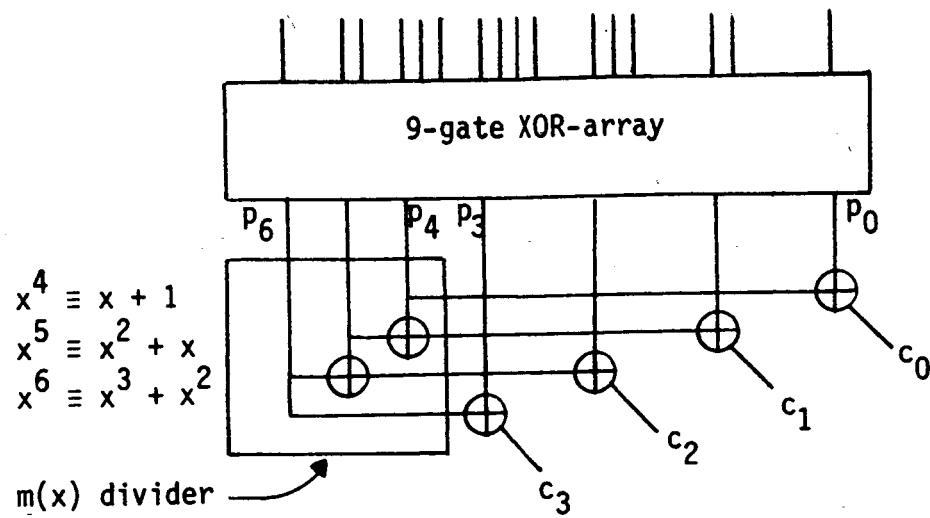
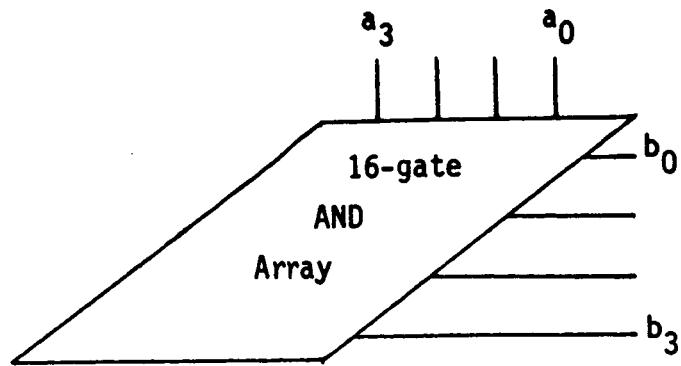


Figure 2 A $GF(2^4)$ multiplier